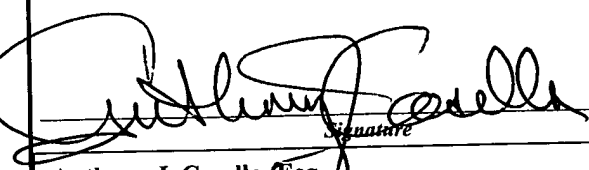
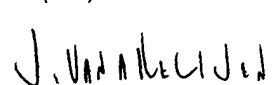


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<b>Application No.</b> 10/520,435	<b>Filing Date</b> January 5, 2005	<b>Examiner</b> Lithgow, Thomas M.	<b>Customer No.</b> 001218	<b>Group Art Unit</b> 1724	<b>Confirmation No.</b> 5917	
<b>Invention:</b> FILTER ELEMENT, PARTICULARLY FOR THE STATIC OR DEAD-END FILTRATION OF FLUIDS, AND CORRESPONDING FILTER DEVICE						
<b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>						
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
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<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	10 -	20 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00	
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the Office Action dated December 7, 2005 in the above identified patent application. Entry of the present amendment and favorable consideration of the pending claims respectfully is requested based on the following.